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COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits

- ☐ the European search report
- ☐ the declaration under Rule 45 EPC
- ☐ the partial European search report under Rule 45 EPC
- ☒ the supplementary European search report concerning the international application under Article 157(2) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application. Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division :

- ☐ Abstract
 - ☐ Title
 - ☐ Figure
 - ☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.
 - ☐ The following figure will be published with the abstract, since the Search Division considers that it better characterises the invention than the one indicated by the applicant.
- Figure:
- ☒ Additional copy(ies) of the documents cited in the European search report.

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DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Incl.7)
X	EP 0 522 569 A (UNITED STATES SURGICAL CORP) 13 January 1993 (1993-01-13) * page 4, line 39 - line 42; claim 17 *	1-5, 56-60	C12N5/00 A61F13/00 A61L27/00 A61K35/32 A61P19/00
Y	WO 91 01720 A (AUFDEHORTE THOMAS BRUCE ;FOX WILLIAM CASEY (US); HOLT GEORGE RICHARD) 21 February 1991 (1991-02-21) * claims 3,9,12 *	1-45, 57-60	
Y	WO 98 14222 A (CHILDRENS MEDICAL CENTER) 9 April 1998 (1998-04-09) * claims 9-11 *	1-45, 57-60	
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			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Incl.7)
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The supplementary search report has been based on the last set of claims valid and available at the start of the search.			
INCOMPLETE SEARCH			
The Search Division considers that the present application, or some or all of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for the following claims:			
Claims searched completely:			
Claims searched incompletely:			
Claims not searched:			
Reason for the limitation of the search:			
Although claims 57-60 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body (Article 52(4) EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.			
Place of search		Date of completion of the search	Examiner
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Y	US 5 702 716 A (DUNN RICHARD L ET AL) 30 December 1997 (1997-12-30) * column 4, line 31 * * column 10, last paragraph - column 11, line 7 *	1-4	
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CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
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1-45, 56-60
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 61-64

method of filling a bone defect comprising filling the bone defect with a rigid material consisting essentially of chitin or chitosan.

2. Claims: 56 (whole), 57-60 (part)

composition for promoting the growth and strengthening of bone comprising a mixture of

- hyaluronic acid,
- cancellous bone, and
- demineralized bone matrix

and method of inducing bone formation in a vertebrate applying such a composition to a site in the vertebrate where bone formation is desired.

3. Claims: 54-55 (whole), 57-60 (part)

composition for promoting the growth and strengthening of bone comprising a mixture of

- chitosan or chitosan derivative
- alginate
- cancellous bone, and
- demineralized bone matrix

and method of inducing bone formation in a vertebrate applying such a composition to a site in the vertebrate where bone formation is desired.

4. Claims: 50-53 (whole), 57-60 (part)

composition for promoting the growth and strengthening of bone comprising a mixture of

- alginate,
- calcium,
- cancellous bone, and
- demineralized bone matrix

and method of inducing bone formation in a vertebrate applying such a composition to a site in the vertebrate where bone formation is desired.

5. Claims: 46-49 (whole), 57-60 (part)

composition for promoting the growth and strengthening of bone comprising a mixture of



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- a chitosan or chitosan derivative,
- cancellous bone, and
- demineralized bone matrix

and method of inducing bone formation in a vertebrate
applying such a composition to a site in the vertebrate
where bone formation is desired.

6. Claims: 1-45 (whole), 57-60 (part)

composition comprising four components selected from
(a) one or more angiogenesis-stimulating materials such as
fibroblast growth factors, vascular endothelial growth
factors etc.,
(b) one or more osteoinductive materials such as
demineralized bone matrix, non-decalcified bone matrix,
(c) one or more scaffolding materials such as cancellous
bone, chitosan etc.
(d) one or more gel materials such as chitosan, alginate,
hyaluronic acid etc.

and method of inducing bone formation in a vertebrate
applying such a composition to a site in the vertebrate
where bone formation is desired.